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to present his amendments. The state employees all seem to want the current plan. For my point of view, I think we need to continue with the current plan for this year and we need to take a careful look at options another year and that is provided in the committee amendments and certainly we ought to look at some of the new options. But as tight as we are on funds this year, it seems to me that we ought to go with the committee amendments and I would certainly urge the body to do so.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, I think this is an opportunity and a major opportunity to take the course of restraint, particularly with respect to health care costs. Last year, and I hope this year, but last year Senator Warner brought to us repeatedly and we rejected it, the need to be begin making some changes in our health care and Medicare and Medicaid programs so that we could begin...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, please hold it down, especially under the south balcony. Thank you, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...so that we could begin getting a control on those costs. And that is the policy we should be adopting with respect to this insurance program. A 19.3 percent increase on top of what we have done the last couple of years is getting this health care thing into the area of astronomicals. I think it is time we get back to the Chevrolet or the Ford instead of the Cadillac and save these couple of million dollars this year and multi, multimillions in future years. We are doing a good job for our University and our public employees and this particular increase, if given at this time for the programs it would include, can only lead down the road to very significant expenditures in future years. So I would urge you to reject, I repeat, reject the committee amendments and begin down that road of tailoring health care plans within affordable ranges for all of us and that includes making changes again as I suggested so that we are not paying for 23 programs, the most of any state in the United States and so that we get to somewhere